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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Chairwoman
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger
Ranking Member
Committee of Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding in the amount of \$1,500,000 for the Water Reservoir Seismic Retrofit in the fiscal year 2023 Homeland Security Appropriations Bill.

The project sponsor for this project is the Diablo Water District, and the project is located in Oakley, CA.

The Diablo Water District (District) has 12.5 million gallons of water storage in its water system. Of this, only 5 million gallons of storage meets current seismic standards. This Water Reservoir Seismic Retrofit project is pre-hazard mitigation and would fund the upgrade/retrofit of another 5 million gallons of water storage (one reservoir).

In 2021, a seismic evaluation and feasibility study for the District's reservoirs was performed. The report identified the need for tank footing improvements and the addition of seismic tension hoops (reinforcement bands welded onto the reservoir).

Funding for this project would be a good use of taxpayer funds, as it would ensure the reservoir is structurally sound, thereby enabling the District to provide a reliable supply of water, especially for firefighting and potable water during an earthquake. Additionally, the cost to retrofit the reservoirs is significantly lower than full replacement, which will likely be necessary following a seismic event if the work is not completed. The cost to perform this pre-hazard mitigation is \$3 million as compared to the \$12 million that would need to be spent in order to replace the tank (now or after a seismic event damages the tank). Additionally, taxpayer funds are automatically leveraged by the District matching the funds 1 to 1.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jerry McNerney", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Jerry McNerney
Member of Congress